

SUMMARY

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, is constituted by the German language text of PCT/EP2004/051378. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been presented. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

Original claims 1-24 and Article 34 claims 1-23 have been cancelled. New claims 25-46 have been added. New claims 25-46 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims which are currently pending in the PCT application. They have been rewritten in a form eliminating multiple dependent claims.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. application, before the calculation of the filing fee, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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